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Shanghai Municipal Police

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Yangtzepoot Station.

July 23rd. 1924.

Further **REPORT ON** on observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

Made by D. S. Grubb.

Forwarded by *W* Director of Criminal Intelligence

Sir,

I beg to report that at 4 p.m., on the 23-7-24, I visited Woosung, re. the three Russian Cruisers, and the position of the Chinese Naval boats there.

The Chinese Cruiser, Young Kyih (永績), is lying, broadside on, about two hundred yards from the Russian vessels, on the same side of the River, towards Woosung, and appears to be in such a position as to command a good view of all the vessels. A Torpedo boat is also stationed about half a mile beyond the Russian ships, and another one is lying opposite the Woosung Creek, some considerable distance away.

Four Native Policemen still remain on duty at the Jetty, opposite the Cruisers.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. S. Grubb

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Yangtszepoo Police Station.

July 21st 1924

REPORT ON Expenses incurred by Chinese detectives whilst on observation duty at Woosung.

Made by D.S. Grubb

Forwarded by

Sir,

Attached herewith a list of expenses incurred by Chinese Detectives attached to Yangtszepoo Station, whilst on observation duty on three Russian Cruisers at Woosung between the 12-7-24 and 17-7-24.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

H. Grubb

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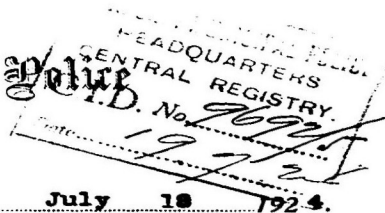
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DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE

Shanghai Municipal Police



Shanghai, July 18 1924.

Sir,

At 3.30 p.m. July 17 the River Police reported in reply to my enquiry of the previous day that the nearest Chinese Naval ships anchored in the vicinity of the three Russian ships lying "outside the bar" were two Torpedo boats and two Gunboats anchored off Woosung Creek some two to three miles distant towards Woosung.

At 6.30 p.m. July 17, the watch kept by S.M.P. detectives stationed on a Chinese boat was withdrawn owing to eight armed Chinese Police from Woosung demanding to know who the occupants of the boat were and their business.

Your Obedient Servant,

J. B. Buruside
Actg D. C. I.

Acting Commissioner of Police.

S. M. P. Headquarters
Criminal Investigation Dept:
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Yours obediently,

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Shanghai Municipal Police

HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY

Date: 1924
Yangtze River Station

July 16th, 1924

Further **REPORT ON** observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

Made by D. S. Grubb.

Forwarded by *of* Director of Criminal Intelligence

Sir,

I beg to report that from 5 p.m., 15-7-24 until 6-30 p.m., 16-7-24, C. D. C. 67 Lang Ide, on observation duty on the three Russian Cruisers, at Woosung, and reports the following

At 1-30 p.m., 16-7-24, twenty Chinese soldiers, fully armed and equipped, arrived and are quartered in a Chinese Hospital, beside the Jetty, opposite the Cruisers, presumably to prevent the landing of too large a number of Russians from the Cruisers.

At 9-45 a.m., eighteen Russians attempted to come ashore from the Cruisers, but were prevented by the Chinese Police on duty at the Jetty; whereupon they returned to the ships.

Three Russians, empty handed, at 11 p.m. came ashore and went towards Shanghai by train. At 1-30 p.m. four, also empty handed, went towards Shanghai by Train. All these men, at 6 p.m. returned by train, and went aboard the Cruisers.

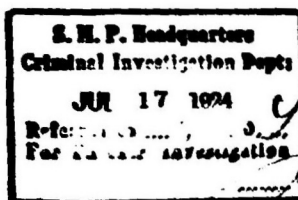
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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. S. Grubb
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Yangtszepoo

July 13th 1934.

REPORT ON Observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

Made by D.S. Grubb.

Forwarded by *af* Director of Criminal Intelligence

Sir,

I beg to report that at 6.10 p.m., 13-7-24, C.D.C. No. 79 Tsok Sung, who was on observation duty at Woosung on the three Russian Cruisers, reported to me at Yangtszepoo Station, that at 5.30 p.m. 13-7-24, 26 Russians, all dressed in soldiers' uniforms, came ashore from the three vessels, in three small rowing boats. The C.D.C. followed these men to Tsang Wo Pang (張華浜) Railway Station. About half of the men were carrying small bundles and bags, and whilst on the way to the Station, four of them sold several articles of underclothing to a number of countrymen. At a small shop beside the Station, one of the men changed one dollar and the C.D.C. overheard the shop-keeper asking the Russians where they were going. One of them answered in Chinese "To Shanghai".

All the 26 men, when the C.D.C. left, were waiting at the Tsang Wo Pang Station. It was ascertained that a train would leave for Shanghai at 7 p.m.

At 9.20 a.m., ten Russians came ashore and went towards Woosung. At 4 p.m. seven men also came ashore and these went to Tsang Wo Pang Railway Station, but it is unknown if these men went to Shanghai.

At 2 p.m. three respectably dressed Chinese, accompanied by five Russians dressed in soldier's uniforms came from the direction of Tsang Wo Pang Station and went aboard the vessels. At 5.30 p.m. the three Chinese had not come ashore.

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Yangtszepoo

July 13th 1924.

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REPORT ON Observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

Made by D.S. Grubb.

Forwarded by *af* Director of Criminal Intelligence.

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✓ During the day, two Russians, by turns remained on a small Jetty almost opposite the vessels, and one was there during the night of the 12/13-7-24. These men had the appearance of being on duty on the Jetty.

A/D.C.I. informed per telephone at 6.45 p.m. 13-7-24

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

H. Crabb

D. S.

London 13-7-24
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A/D.C.I.

S. M. P. Headquarters
Criminal Investigation Dept.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
QUARTERS
REGISTRY
D. No. 9692
Yangtszepoo Station

July 12th. 1924.

REPORT ON Observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung

Made by L. S. Grubb.

Forwarded by *A* Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

I beg to report that between 4-20 and 5-20 p.m., on the 12-7-24, the Acting D. C. I., accompanied by C.D.S. 40 Li zung, C.D.C. 79 Jack Sung, 86 Ahn Liao and myself, went to Woosung, re. observation to be kept on the three Russian cruisers, at present lying there.

Arrangements have at present been made for Chinese detectives attached to Yangtszepoo Station, to take up a position in a small boat on the opposite side of the River from which the ships are lying, and to keep a strict watch to see whether any unusual number of men leave the ships and go towards Shanghai. Bicycles have been provided on the boat, and these will be utilized by the detectives as a means of transmitting news ~~to~~ *to* Yangtszepoo Station ~~Headquarters~~, with the least possible delay, should anything unusual occur.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

L. S. Grubb.

A. D. C. I.

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Extract from Daily Report of
July 18, 1924.

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A meeting of representatives of Russian anti Bolshevick organizations was held in the Bureau for Russian Affairs at 9 p.m. July 17. There were about 30 people present, and Mr. V. Grosse presided. The following decisions were reached:

- 1- That a society to be called the Russian Association be formed to protect the interests of legal anti Bolshevick Russians.
- 2- That the Consular Body be requested to place the Bureau for Russian Affairs building at the disposal of that committee.
- 3- That the following committee be elected to give effect to these decisions.

President

Mr. V. Grosse

Vice President

Mr. Ivanoff

Members :

General Issakoff; Colonel Krashenim-
nikoff; Mr. Rykoff; Mr. Domrasheeff;
Dr. Kazakoff; and Mr. Luchish.

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REPORT ON Watch at Bureau for Russian Affairs.

Made by D. IL Givens

Forwarded by _____

Sir,

In view of the presence of an armed guard of the Municipal Police at the Bureau for Russian Affairs, I beg to ask for instructions as to whether the watch maintained at that establishment since July 12 may now be withdrawn.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. I. Givens
D. I.

11/7/24
D. O. I.

Extract from Daily Report of
July 15, 1924.

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18/7/24

In accordance with an arrangement made by
Captain Barret and Colonel Ivanoff, the officer
in charge, the party of men from Gleboff's ships,
who had occupied the Bureau for Russian Affairs,
evacuated that building between 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
July 14. An armed party of Municipal Police is
now guarding the Bureau.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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West Hongkew Station.

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REPORT ON S. N. H. Railway: Woosung Line:

Made by J. W. Prince D. I.

Forwarded by

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Sir,

I beg to forward the following report of foreigners
arrived at Shanghai North Station, via the Woosung Line, during
the day 16/7/'24:-

From Woosung Forts- 5 First class passengers

" Tsangwopang - 16 Second class "

" " - 1 Third class "

Total - 22

D. C. I.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently

J. W. Prince
D. I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

West Hongkew

Station.

- 15 - 7 - 1924.

REPORT ON S. N. H. Railway : Woosung Line.

Made by J. W. Prince D. I.

Forwarded by *cy* Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

I beg to forward the following report revealed from the S.N.H.R'y Station:-

Forty one foreigners arrived in Shanghai, via the Woosung Line during the day, 14/7/'24.

The above passengers came from Woosung Forts, Woosungtseng, and Wantsoopang stations, and their tickets were as follows:-

First class-24, Second class-14. Third class-3.

Fifty Russians left from Tientungan Station, near Shanghai, for Woosung, at 2.5, P.M. on the 14/7/'24. They all travelled 3rd class.

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Nanking Line:- The fast train arriving here from Nanking at 10, P.M. on the 14/7/'24, was stopped at Markham Road Junction, where Mr S.K.Chen, Secretary at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, accompanied by two Foreigners, boarded the train and they left it shortly after accompanied by another foreigner, who is reported to be a Russian. The train then proceeded on to Shanghai. No particulars as to name et'c of this Russian could be obtained.

D. C. I.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently

J.W. Prince
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West Hongkew Station.

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REPORT ON S. N. H. R'y, Woosung Line.

Made by J. W. Prince D. I.

Forwarded by

Sir,

With reference to your inquiries regarding the number of passengers arrived here via the Woosung Line, on the 13/7/'24, I beg to report that examination of the Tickets collected here, from passengers arriving by the 7 P.M. train, it was found that 36 passengers arrived by that train.

The tickets were as follows:- From Tsang Oo Pang, 3 First Class and 13 Third Class; and from Wang Tso Pang, 2 Second Class, and 18 Third Class. It was not noted who these passengers were but it is probable that some of the Russians who are reported to have left their ships at Woosung were among them. Among the passengers arriving later in the day only four were foreigners, apparently residents of Shanghai, who came from ~~Woon~~ Woosung.

D. C. I.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently

J. W. Prince
D. I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Yangtszepoo Station.

July 14th. 1924.

Further **REPORT ON** Observation on Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

Made by D. S. Grubb.

Forwarded by J. Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

I beg to report with reference to observation kept on the three Russian Cruisers at Woosung.

C. D. C. 36 Tuh Piao, who was on observation duty at Woosung, reports that three Native Policemen were stationed at the Jetty, almost opposite the three Russian vessels, from 6 a.m., 14-7-24.

Between 9 and 10 a.m., six Russians left the vessels, and proceeded by a small boat to Woosung where they attempted to dispose of an number of brown uniform overcoats, but were unsuccessful.

At 3-30 p.m., about forty Russians, wearing soldiers' uniforms, and accompanied by two men wearing civilian clothing, who also appeared to be Russians, came from the direction of Tsung Wo Jang (滬東浜) Railway Station, and went aboard the Cruisers.

The two men in civilian clothing, appeared to be of some importance, as they were saluted by two Russians who were stationed at the Jetty, and proceeded first in a small boat, apart from the others, to the Cruisers.

At 6-40 p.m., 14-7-24, I visited Woosung, and at that time there were no Chinese Naval boats in the vicinity of the Russian vessels, but two are reported by C. D. C. Tuh Piao to be stationed at the mouth of the Yangtze.

At 6-40 p.m., there were four armed Native Policemen stationed at the Jetty opposite the Cruisers.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently

D. S. Grubb
D. S.

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DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE

Shanghai, July 16 1924.

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Sir,

With reference to the statement made by Magistrate Dung to the effect that orders had already been given for a Chinese gunboat and a torpedo boat to be stationed in the vicinity of the three Russian refugee boats at Woosung, I beg to report having at 2.30 p.m. to-day telephoned to the Military Governor's yamen where, in the absence of Magistrate Dung, I told Chief of Staff Wong Yu Noong (王幼農) that no such guard had been posted over the Russian boats and that with the exception of four policemen on the Military Road, no precautionary measures had apparently been taken by the Chinese authorities. Mr. Wong replied that he was not quite sure of the instructions of the Military Governor but he had learned that the gunboat "Yung Chih" had specially been despatched to Woosung on instructions from the Military Governor and that a batch of about 30 Policemen had been sent from the Chinese Constabulary to Woosung for the special purpose of intercepting Russians when they are found landing and proceeding in the direction of Shanghai. He said he was quite surprised to hear such news and would inform the Governor. Magistrate Dung telephoned

at 5.30 p.m. and stated that on the evening of July 14, shortly after our visit to the Governor's yamen General Ho issued an order to Admiral Ling of the Chinese Independent fleet, Col Lu, the Chief of the Woosung-Shanghai Constabulary, Inspector Chao of the Woosung Police and the Commander of the 12th Regt Woosung warning them of the situation and directing them respectively to send soldiers, sailors and policemen to keep a sharp lookout to intercept Russians found landing and to fire on them if any should attempt to force their way to Shanghai. The Admiral has in a letter to the Governor replied to the effect that on July 15 he had sent the "Yung Chih" to Woosung which is now lying at Wen Cho Pang 溫朝浜 about 300 yards from one of the Russian ships. In addition there are the "Lieh Tsz" 烈字 and "Sung Tsz" 辰字 torpedo boats and a number of police boats anchoring at Chang Hwa Pang. 張華浜. A watch had also been placed on the Naval Hospital where certain sick Russians were staying. In view of the foregoing measures and the strict instructions already issued by the Military Governor, Magistrate Dung did not think it possible for any Russians to land at Woosung and proceed to Shanghai. He added

that the gunboat "Chun Oo" *1844* of the Chinese Marine Police had been sent to Tsunguing to watch the other Russian ship (s.s. "Elderado").

Your Obedient Servant,



Actg D. C. I.

Acting Commissioner of Police.

The Magistrate again telephoned at about 10 p.m. July 16 to the effect that Mr. S.K. Chen, Secretary to the Bureau for Foreign Affairs, would proceed to Woosung to-day (17th inst) to supervise and see if the precautionary measures taken are satisfactory. The Police Patrol boat "Tsa Dien" 策電 will also be despatched from Shanghai to Woosung to assist in maintaining the lookout.





DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL
INTELLIGENCE

Shanghai Municipal Police

C. I. D.
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Shanghai, July 14 1924.

Sir,

I beg to report that acting under your instructions I interviewed Magistrate Dung (^{2nd}) at 2.45 p.m. to-day at the Military Governor's yamen and informed him that a demonstration was expected to take place at the former Russian Consulate between Russian factions and that in all probability force would be resorted to by such people. The Acting Commissioner of Police, therefore, ordered me to convey this news to the Chinese Military Authorities with a view to steps being taken by them to prevent any incursion of men stationed on the three Russian boats in Chinese waters passing through Chinese territory into the International Settlement.

Magistrate Dung replied that the Chinese Authorities were fully aware of the situation and that in connection therewith a conference, at which General Ho, Mr. Hsu Yuen (the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs), S.K. Chen and Magistrate Dung were present, was held at the Military Governor's Yamen on Saturday afternoon July 12. At the conference Mr. Hsu Yuen said that he had been in receipt of numerous telegrams from Peking blaming him for not having handed over or caused to be handed over the ^{former} Russian Consulate to the Soviets

in Shanghai. There were about eight "White Russians" staying at the ^{former} Consulate who strongly protested to the building being handed over and Mr. Hsu had thus been placed in a difficult position. He had sent his secretary to see Major Hilton Johnson and ask for his assistance but the Acting Commissioner of Police replied that it being a political dispute, Police could not interfere. The Magistrate conveyed ~~the~~ wishes of the Military Governor that he and Hsu Yuen were anxiously expecting Police assistance. I said that the Police would remain neutral so long as the different parties in dispute would do nothing detrimental to the peace.

As a precaution against the rumoured demonstration Magistrate Dung stated the conference on Saturday decided to order Col. Lu, the Chief of Woosung and Shanghai Constabulary and Admiral Ling of the Shanghai Admiralty to send policemen and sailors to Woosung to take steps to prevent Russians coming ashore. The Military Governor had not given definite instructions but told Col. Lu and Admiral Ling to refer to S.K.Chen as to where the men should be posted and the watch kept. It was expected that a gunboat and a torpedo boat would arrive to-day at Woosung for that purpose.

Speaking of the 28 men already in the ^{former} Russian Consulate, Magistrate Dung stated that it would

appear that these men had abused a privilege in that when these boats first arrived a year or so ago some two or three permits were issued to allow men to go ashore and make purchases and it was now strongly suspected that when three men left the ships, only one returned and so the abuse repeated. As a check against this abuse it was proposed at the conference on July 12 to cancel the permits and replace them with ones bearing the photograph of the bearer. A further check will be adopted in the shape of not permitting sampans to approach the steamers.

It was known that Mr. Hsu Yuen had appealed to H.B.M.'s Consul General to whom he had shown a copy of a Peking daily newspaper which accused Hsu Yuen of assisting the Russian monarchist party.

I asked Magistrate Dung whether it would be possible for the Governor to issue definite instructions to the Commander of the Chinese fleet and the Chiefs of the Chinese Land and Water Police to prevent Russians passing through Chinese territory into the Settlement and if any were found ashore they be sent back to the ships. Magistrate Dung gave his assurance that the Governor would do as requested.

Having telephoned the result of the

interview, I conveyed to Magistrate Dung
the appreciation and thanks of the Acting
Commissioner of Police.

Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. G. Burnside".

Actg D. C. I.

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Acting Commissioner of Police.

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I. O. CENTRAL Station.

July 14, 1924.

REPORT ON Incidents Arising out of the Recognition of Soviet Russia by China.

Made by D. I. Givens Forwarded by *af* Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

Further to my report on Russian Affairs submitted this morning, the party of Cossacks numbering thirty four told Mr. V. Grosse, Deputy Commissioner for Russian Affairs, on the morning of July 14 to close the building, and threatened to do so themselves if he failed to comply within an hour. A complaint to this effect was communicated to the Act. Commissioner of Police who sent a party of about thirty armed men under Capt. Barrett and Chief Inspector O'Toole to the premises. On being assured that the men in the Bureau were unarmed and that they did not contemplate violence, Capt. Barrett left and withdrew the guard of Municipal Police, with the exception of about six.

Nothing untoward happened until shortly before noon when General Gleboff telephoned to Mr. V. Grosse to say that armed Chinese were preventing people from boarding and leaving the ships at Woosung. Gleboff suggested that, if the surveillance continued, the men, who came ashore on July 13 in connection with the observance of the French National holiday, would be obliged to force their way back to the ships, and trouble would result. He also referred to the possibility of a further batch of a hundred men from the ships joining those already in the Bureau for Russian Affairs.

In response to the announcement in the New Shanghai Life about the registration of persons desirous of being repatriated some fifty people visited the Bureau. These, with the exception of a few, left again without transacting any business.

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It is reported that the Chinese Authorities have arranged to bring the "Eldorado", which is now at Tsungming, back to Shanghai under escort of a Chinese naval boat. The "Eldorado" will probably anchor near the Kiangnan Arsenal.

The business in regard to Russian residents formerly conducted in the Bureau for Russian Affairs is now being transacted in the offices of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs on the extension of Route Ghisi.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Evans
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July 14, 1924.

REPORT ON Incidents Arising out of the Recognition of Soviet Russia by China.

Made by D. I. Givens. Forwarded by *af* Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Sir,

Some thirty five representatives of the Russian refugees on board General Gleboff's ships at Woosung called at the Bureau for Russian Affairs about 10 a.m. July 5. They interviewed Mr. V. Grosse and asked that he would either make provision for their maintenance or accord them permission to sell the ships. After negotiations lasting all day, the deputies left at 7.30 p.m. after Mr. Grosse had arranged to take a delegation of them the following day to interview the Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. This arrangement was carried out, and when the delegation came face to face with the Commissioner they repeated their request that provision would be made for their support or that they would be allowed to sell the ships. Finally it was agreed that the Commissioner would telegraph to Peking for instructions, and that eight men ^{the ships} ~~from~~ would be allowed to remain in the Bureau for Russian Affairs until an answer arrived. Orders received from Peking in reply to this request emphasized that on no account whatever should permission be given for the sale of the ships. The terms of these orders were communicated to the men from the ships in the Bureau for Russian Affairs who, nevertheless, still remained in the building where they were reinforced by the arrival on July 13 of an ^{twenty} armed party of their colleagues, consisting of about ~~thirty~~ men.

The presence of these men in the Bureau for Russian Affairs have given rise to all sorts of rumours. It was first reported that the delegation on the premises were hidden in a

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secret room in the basement, and that rather than see the building pass into the hands of the Bolsheviki they would blow up the building with high explosives which they had in their possession. Reassurances from Mr. V. Grosse that the ^{eight} men, who had neither arms nor explosives, were simply in the building as lodgers, set at rest fears of the police that serious trouble may be brewing. Fresh reports, however, came into circulation ^{in the afternoon of July 12.} ~~five or six days later~~. One of these was to the effect that the Bolsheviki, who suspected that the recalcitrant attitude of the "whites" was due to promises of moral support from the local representatives of France and America, would seek revenge on the former nation by throwing bombs during the national celebrations on July 13 and 14, and that members of the same party had planned to make an attempt on the forenoon of July 14 to obtain possession of the Bureau for Russian Affairs, if possible, by strategy or failing that, by force.

On July 12 it ^{also} became known that support previously given to the men on board Gleboff's ships would be withdrawn, and that they would be left without means of support. This information and the general trend of the situation aroused a fear that the men on the ships might march in a body, and take possession of the Bureau building. This has not happened so far, but the arrival from the ships, as reported above, of armed men shows that the fear was not entirely without foundation. Fifty other members of the crews of ^{the} ships at

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Woosung came to Shanghai the same day for the purpose of witnessing the procession in French Town and appealing to the French Consul and Mr. V. Grosse, ^{Deputy} Commissioner for *Russian* Foreign Affairs, to protect themselves and their property (the ships?) from the Bolsheviks. Twenty five of these passed the night of July 13 in the premises of the Habarovsk Cadet Corps, 308 Avenue Joffre; ten at No. 205 Rue Wantz, a house rented by Gleboff and used as a sort of hospital for sick members of his followers; and fifteen at No. 610 Rue de l'Observatoire, General Gleboff's house.

A watch instituted on the ships by the C. I. D. of the Municipal Police is being continued, and any movement on a large scale of the men on board the ships will be reported. Experience, however, shows that those men are not likely to be able to communicate news to Shanghai with sufficient speed to enable the authorities here to take effective measures to cope with any movement in this direction. Unless other means are decided upon, it might be well to supplement the present means of communication by the employment of carrier pigeons or wireless.

Sixty Russians, who claimed to represent all sections of local anti Bolsheviks, met in the Bureau for Russian Affairs on the afternoon of July 13. These passed a resolution confirming the motion adopted at a previous meeting appointing Mr. V. Grosse to take charge of their interests and Mr. Ivamoff, the Russian Assessor as his deputy. A majority present suggested that

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the present Russian officials should retain possession of the Bureau for Russian Affairs. Both Messrs Grosse and Ivanoff pointed out the futility of such action. Consequently no decision was reached in this matter, but it was decided to continue the meeting on July 15 and July 17 at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively.

An announcement appeared in the local Soviet organ, the "New Shanghai Life" on July 13 warning people who wished to be repatriated to register at the Bureau for Russian Affairs on the morning of the following day. This statement was inserted by a leader ^{of these leaving who repatriated} ~~of this group~~, named Boozin. The latter formerly had "white" sympathies, but his political leanings at present are probably pro Bolshevik. The summons to these people to attend the Bureau for Russian Affairs seems to be intended to inject fresh elements of trouble into a situation already complicated.

The whole position as set out above seems to be regarded seriously by Mr. V. Grosse and his assistants who, it is reported, have decided to close the Consulate to-day in order to avoid precipitating matters.

It is hard to say how far fears that trouble will take place at the Bureau of Russian Affairs are well founded. Hatred rarely experienced among enemies in war is known to exist between the "whites" and the "reds". The position is further aggravated by private jealousies among the followers of both parties. These include many men injured

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to war who place small value on their own lives and the lives of others. The elements essential to the creation of trouble seem to be now assembling. Should fighting once start, it may result in a vendetta between the supporters of the two parties in Shanghai, and it is impossible to say where it will end. Anything in the nature of shooting or bomb throwing is sure to have a very adverse effect on the trade of the Aster House, and may even result in injury or death to the guests there, or the residents of the German Consulate, or the people using the streets in the vicinity or the public garden.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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